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Communication and Partnership

BioSense is a national program developed by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which provides real-time biosurveillance and health situational awareness for public health through use of existing data from healthcare organizations. BioSense is intended to serve the biosurveillance needs of state and local public health and the CDC.

BioSense is operational, yet it remains a system that is constantly being refined, expanded, and evaluated. In order to be a service to state and local public health, the system must include the features and capabilities that are useful to them during public health emergencies. In addition to the work that is going on at the local and state level, there is a national effort underway to promote standards in biosurveillance which CDC has been involved in. CDC is the liaison between this national effort and the work of the local and state public health community. Therefore, it is important that our many partners and stakeholders are informed about the work going on at CDC in this field, and it is important that they are involved in discussions about the progress and development of BioSense.

There are many channels and opportunities for our partners to be involved in BioSense that can help them keep up-to-date about the progress of the program and provide feedback.

WWW: BioSense has an extensive webpage dedicated to providing important information about the program, the science and discovery going on in the field of biosurveillance, the evaluation of the program, and our work with the American Health Information Community: www.cdc.gov/biosense

Real-Time Real-Talk: BioSense hosts quarterly teleconferences for our partners and other stakeholders to provide updates about the program and answer questions. For information about the next Real-Time Real-Talk call, e-mail biosenseusers@cdc.gov

BioSense Bulletin: This is a bi-monthly e-newsletter produced for BioSense stakeholders which provides updates about the program, upcoming training information, scheduled conference appearances, and news and highlights from our partners. To be added to the BioSense Bulletin list-serv, e-mail biosenseusers@cdc.gov

Topical workgroups: In order to engage our state and local health department partners in small group settings around a specific topic, we host two topical workgroups. One workgroup focuses on application functionality and the other discusses monitoring and response protocols for federal, state, and local public health with respect to using BioSense data. To join a workgroup, e-mail biosenseusers@cdc.gov Workgroups are limited to users of BioSense.

Conferences: There are many opportunities throughout the year to hear about the BioSense program at professional meetings. Our staff regularly host panels and present abstracts and posters at scientific conferences around the country. Upcoming presentations are listed in the BioSense Bulletin on a regular basis. Previous presentations can be found on the BioSense website.

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BioSense Real-Time Data Initiative Milestones

